Moscow, 22 Dec. '86.

Dear Joel,

on March 11 another interactive space-bridge will be video-taped at Central Television (a short month after we watched the first in your hotel room on Feb 12). Since you left Moscow I've been commissioned by the creators of the planned series of interactive space-bridges to launch a new Moscow Ritual — a name-giving ceremony for new-born babies during which a woman (women), right after delivery, will be communicating with her husband (or whoever?), parents, friends, neighbors and colleagues etc. who will all gather together in the "mirror room" of the VALDAÏ CAFÉ you liked so well.

Also taking part in this exciting new interactive exchange will be performing artists, teachers, educators, and specialists in human hidden resources. The more interesting episodes of the new "show" will be played on the big screen to enable crowds in Kalinin Avenue to witness and share in a unique "happening" in the life of their fellow Soviet citizen(s) — a new born baby getting its name.

The maternity home on which the big screen is has a daily output of 20 kids (on average), enough to make the Valdaï café ceremony a continuous ritual.

If you could find a way to link this ritual via slow-scan with a similar ritual at a S^t-Francisco maternity hospital we would have a perfect launching pad for launching into reality PTO

your (our) teleport dream.

We feel certain that if we bring off a successful slow-scan exchange between maternity homes in Moscow & S-F. the teleport will get off the ground with a bang.

Even the normally skeptical Vitold was so enthusiastic that he accepted my offer to act as Master of Ceremonies at the new ritual and you'll have the pleasure of seeing him in action on slow-scan, March 11.

If you send me a letter (addressed to me personally) stating that a San Francisco maternity home agrees to participate in a slow-scan exchange (on a regular basis?) with its Moscow counterpart we will slot this episode into the next interactive TV space-bridge and the Moscow-S^t Francisco teleport line will be inaugurated.

I hope you will appreciate the good work Danaan and Diana Parry did together with us during their brief but useful stay in Moscow.

Do give my thanks to Diana for the stationary she sent me ("Profile in Courage" is much appreciated)

We'll be doing the first test of the Photophone early next week. Couldn't do it early as Gerasimova was off sick for a whole week.

Best regards,

Joseph and Yuri